

FALCON FAMILY NEWS

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<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

<http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events>

Parent Information link:

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/parentsclub.cfm?catname=Class%20of%202014>

CLASS STATISTICS (as of 30 June 15)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2015	10	7	17
2016	648	188	836
2017	801	243	1044
2018	846	235	1081
2019	912	326	1238
WING	3217	999	4216

❖ These numbers include international students.

UPCOMING DATES 2015/2016:

18 Jul 15	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm (Cadets can have cell phones today)
15 Jul 15	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
20 Jul 15	March out to Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
31 Jul 15	March back from Jacks Valley (9:00/10:00 am)
1 Aug 15	3 rd Summer Session Ends
1 Aug 15	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00 pm
3 Aug 15	Laptops Issued
4 Aug 15	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
4 Aug 15	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am) (2019 class are allowed cell phones)
5 Aug 15	2017 Class Commitment Dinner (time TDB)
6 Aug 15	New Semester Classes Start
18 Aug 15	USAFA/FMF will accept Scholarship Checks until 18 Aug 15
4-7 Sep 15	Parents' Weekend 2015 http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20Weekend
24 – 29 Nov 15	Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD)
25 Nov 29 Nov 15	Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am)
19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16)
17 – 3 Jan 16	Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on 3 Jan 16)
18 – 27 Mar 16	Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16)
18 -27 Mar 16	Prep School Spring Break (released LMD/return by 7pm on 27 Mar 16)
24 May 16	Prep School Graduation
19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16)
18 – 27 Mar 16	Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16)

DOOLIE DAY OUT (DDO): On DDO the cadets get to meet their sponsor families. The sponsor families pick the cadets up around 0930 or so and take them back to their house for the afternoon. This is the day your cadet will be able to call you during BCT. Only registered sponsor families with assignment letters will be permitted to enter the pick-up area. They must have their assignment letter and dash pass. If for some reason someone makes it all the way in without these documents, the cadet will be reported and there will be serious consequences for the cadet upon return. The cadets will be briefed about being released only to the family they are assigned to for the day. Your cadet will be able to talk with you on this day. If you are local you must become your cadet's sponsor to be allowed to pick them up on Doolie Day Out.

Parents from out-of-state should **NOT** come to town in hopes of spending Doolie Day Out with their son/daughter on this day. Doolie Day Out is for sponsor families to get to know their sponsored cadets. The appropriate time for parents to come is on Parents' Weekend (always Labor Day Weekend). They may then meet their son/daughter's sponsor families if they so desire.

ACCEPTANCE DAY PARADE (4 Aug 15: 9:00 am time tentative): If you are close, you can spend 1 or 2 hours with your cadet after the parade. This is a parade officially accepting the Freshman (C4Cs) into the cadet wing. You must stay on campus and suggest you bring a picnic lunch or you will spend all your time in line at Subway, WingZone, or Godfather's Pizza in Arnold Hall. Appointees will not be allowed cell phones so plan on meeting up on the parade field after the parade. Shoulder boards have to be put on by the Cadets, but parents are allowed on the field to observe. To help you find your cadet, the squadrons are organized from your left to your right. Cadets squadrons 1-10 followed by squadrons 11-20. To the right of the center are Cadet squadron(s) 21-39, followed by 31-40.

2019 COMPUTER ISSUE INFORMATION:

Issue Date: Monday, 3 August 2015

Specifications:

- Fujitsu Q775 tablet computer with detachable slate/screen
- 5th Generation Intel I5-5300U vPro
- 8GB DDR3 1600 MHz
- 256 GB Solid State Drive (SSD) + 500GB external USB 3.0 drive
- 13.3 inch, 1920x1080, multi-touch screen, Intel HD5500 chipset
- No DVD or CD drive included (first year dropped as requirement)
- Port replicator with 2nd power charger
- Integrated cameras, front/back
- Integrated smart Card Reader
- Integrated 10/100/1000 Ethernet
- Wireless 802.11a/b/g/n + Bluetooth v4.0
- External Mouse and Keyboard
- 4 years parts-only warranty (includes batteries)

Costs:

- \$1,814 For all the above, including the 4 year warranty on parts
- \$ 115 Accessories (Wenger Legacy backpack, Kensington lock, network cable, power strip, and calculator)
- \$1969 Total cost with 2% AAFES fee

Software Pre-Loaded:

- Windows 7 64-bit Enterprise with all Fujitsu tablet drivers
- Office 2010, McAfee Anti-Virus, Raptor, SolidWorks, ...
- USAFA licensed software for classes (e.g. SolidWorks, MatLab, Mathematica)
- Software costs approximately \$160/cadet and is charged in fall

Items Not Included:

- Personal printer (inkjet or laser with USB cable) – \$60 - \$200
- 20"-24" flat panel for their rooms (VGA or HDMI cable) - \$100 - \$300
- These items make good gifts for parents or grandparents to buy them over Parents' Weekend.

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There are some exceptions for long names, e.g. Christopher shortened to Chris

Common Issues and Questions:

- **When can I email the new cadets?** Please wait until 5 August to email them.
- **Why tablet computers?** – The selection committee decided the pedagogical reasons for tablets outweighed the increased cost and weight. The tablet can be used for taking hand-written notes in class, including math formulas, drawings, diagrams, etc.
- **Can upperclass cadets buy the same computer?** Yes, they need to email Larry Bryant before 10 July, so one can be delivered on 3 Aug for them.

- **Printers** are not included in the computer purchase for several reasons:
 - It is a “personal preference” item – some want cheap black and white, while others want high-quality photo printers.
 - They are not necessary, since we provide squadron printers.
 - They make good gifts for parents and grandparents.
- We teach “**computer ethics**” in Comp Sci 110 to convince cadets that certain common practices done in high school (e.g. illegally copying music or movies) are no longer acceptable and are punishable.

I'll be happy to address any other questions the parents ask. They can call me at 719-333-3994 or email larry.bryant@usafa.edu

AAFES FLOWER SHOP: Petals & Blooms is the only flower shop on The Air Force Academy with access to the cadet area. We have had the honor of serving the cadets for the last 8 years and know how important the milestones are in the cadets experience. We are gearing up for Acceptance Day, August 4th and would like to let you know we are putting together munchies baskets for the event. We are a full service flower shop with cut floral arrangements, plants, gift baskets with your choice of fruits, snacks or baked goods, balloons and stuffed animals. Thank you for your support of our shop and we look forward to serving you for years to come. Kindly, DeNyse/Owner Petals & Blooms (719)-472-8589 petalsnblooms.com.

Helpful Websites/POCs:

Life Touch photos: POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

Cadet Wing Media: (719) 333-4644

Academic Calendar website: (2015/2016 calendar)

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111208-035.pdf>

Curriculum Handbook (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

<http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf>

Cadet Clubs (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/>

Admissions: (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

Sports Schedules:

<http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/>

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop) 719-472-8589, petalsnblooms.com

Gift Cards order phone numbers: Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (472-1953); 10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

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<http://www.usafa.edu> Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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